

Region II Constitution

Article I. Name and Purpose:

Section A. The name of this organization shall be Region II FFA Organization of the Michigan Association of the FFA. The name "Region II" may be officially used to designate this organization.

Section B. The purpose of this organization shall be to organize and conduct an annual Regional FFA Leadership Training Conference, Update Conference, Nomination of State Officer candidates from our region, and State Scoring. This organization will also promote leadership, cooperation, teamwork, service, character, personal development, and agricultural awareness through Agriscience education.

Section C. This region accepts in full, the provisions in the Constitution and the Michigan Association of FFA.

Article II. Membership:

Section A. Membership of this organization shall be made up of all the active FFA members of Region II in good standing.

Section B. Voting members shall be restricted to the members in attendance at the Leadership Training Conference.

Article III. Officers:

Section A. The officers of this organization shall be the same as officially elected from FFA Chapters. Their qualifications shall be as follows:

1. Officers must be in good standing of chapters within Region II
2. Officers cannot be graduating seniors when elected. However, officers may serve if they are in an accelerated academic course. The definition of an accelerated academic course will be a course that allows a student to graduate prior to the second semester of their twelfth grade year.

Section B. Officers will be nominated by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will consist of the six Regional Officers, Regional Advisor, and at least one State Officer. The candidates for office will be selected by the committee from those applications received by the presiding officers the first day of the Leadership Training Conference using the official application approved by the Regional Officers.

Section C. Officers shall be elected by secret ballot with majority vote. The Reporter shall be in charge of the election and the reporting of the election results.

Section D. Officers duties shall be those of a regional level which are generally considered as part of each duties within local chapters.

Section E. The advisor of the President shall be Regional Advisor for the year.

Section F. Newly elected officers shall take office during the Conference period in which they are officially notified of their election.

Section G. If a Region II Officer is unable to fulfill his/her year in the office, the candidate who was running against him/her shall fill his/her vacancy.

Section H. There shall be a restriction of two officers nominated from any one chapter.

Section I. The Chapter Treasurers attending Leadership Camp will form the auditing committee and audit the Regional Treasurer's books.

Article IV. Meetings:

Section A. The Region II Michigan Association of FFA shall meet annually at Leadership Training Camp and Regional Update. The time and the place shall be determined by the executive committee prior to these events.

Section B. Executive meetings will be held bi-monthly and dates will be designated at the first meeting.

Section C. The Regional executive meeting will be open to all FFA members from Region II except those meeting that are designated as specifically for executive committee only.

Article V. Executive Committee:

Section A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Regional Officers and the Regional Advisor. The Advisors of all Regional Officers will assist in Regional Activities.

Section B. The Regional Officers and their Advisors shall be directly responsible for the initiation of work on each year's new conference program.

Article VI. Conference Fees:

Section A. Conference fees to cover the cost of Leadership Training Conference shall be determined and collected by the Executive Committee and the Treasurer's Advisor.

Section B. Money in the reserve account shall be used only for Conference papooses including training at the State Leadership Conference for Regional Officers at Michigan State University.

Article VII. Parliamentary Authority:

Section A. When decisions of Parliamentary Procedure are to be clarified, Robert's Rule of Order shall be used as the final authority.

Section B. The Advisors of the winning Parliamentary Procedure Team will act as Parliamentarians.

Article VIII. Quorum:

Section A. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members in attendance at each Leadership Training Conference business meeting.

Article IX. Amendments:

Section A. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting membership is necessary to amend this constitution.

Section B. All proposed amendments must be sent to chapters thirty (30) days before the first day of the Leadership Training Conference.

Article X. Membership Degrees:

Section A. Regional FFA Awards; Minimum qualifications for awards are as follows:

1. Have received the Chapter FFA Degree and have been an active member for at least one-year (twelve months) or completed 180 hours of instruction with six months of active membership.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least 180 hours of instruction in Agriscience education, have in operation an approved SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) project, and/or enrolled in an Agriscience Education Class.
3. Have earned and productively invested at least \$250 by his/her own efforts from his/her SAE project or Agricultural Placement, or have worked at least 250 hours (other than class scheduled time) in the case of directed laboratory experience program, or a combination there of.
4. Demonstrate leadership ability by:
 - a. Having performed at least ten parliamentary procedure activities.
 - b. Given a three-minute speech, or participated in a leadership contest.
 - c. Served as an officer or committee chairman, or served on a major committee.

5. Participate in the planning and completion of the chapter Program of Activities.
6. Participation in two FFA activities above the chapter level.
7. The candidate must have satisfactory scholarship, certified by the school principal or superintendent.
8. The degree is only available to FFA members between their junior and senior years in high school.
9. Submit application to the presiding Regional Officers presiding post-marked on or before the date determined by the Regional Officers.

Section B. A Star Regional Award in Production and Star Regional Award in Agribusiness will be selected from the Regional Award applications. The Executive Committee will have the option to interview candidates and will choose winners on the basis of applications and/or interviews.

Section C. Individuals or groups who have supported or otherwise rendered service to Region II are eligible for the Distinguished Service Award. A majority vote by the Executive Committee is required to receive this award.

By-Laws

Article I. Election of Officers:

1. All nominees must be interviewed by the nominating committee.
2. All nominees must be present during the entire conference and present their application on the ballot if possible.
3. The officer nominating committee must place two candidates for each office if possible.
4. A member may be elected and serve in any position of Regional Office for a maximum of one term.
5. Nominated officers may present up to a two minute speech to voting delegates at the Leadership Conference during elections.
6. There can be no more than two candidates from each chapter elected.

Article II. Requirements of the Officer:

1. All Region II Officers shall attend a minimum of two-thirds of all scheduled meetings. Failure to do so will result in a review of that officer by the Regional Officer Team.
2. All Region II Officers are required to attend either the Washington Conference Program, or SLCRO. Failure to do so will result in a review of that officer by the Regional Officer Team.
3. The Region II Officer Team shall have the power by unanimous vote to remove any officer who is upon review derelict in his/her duties in carrying out the business of Region II.

Article III. Amending the By-Laws:

1. These By-Laws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Leadership Training Conference voting membership, provided the amendment may not be made and voted on at the same session.